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NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2011 NOMINATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

DECEMBER 3, 2010 - DEADLINE DATE

(LOS ANGELES, CA) – Each year during National Small Business Week, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognizes outstanding small business owners and advocates for their contribution to the American economy and society. The President has declared May 15-22, 2011, as National Small Business Week.

SBA is currently accepting nominations for several SBA award categories including the 2011 Small Business Person of the Year Award. The Los Angeles SBA Office serves Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Trade associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations frequently sponsor candidates. A business owner may also nominate themselves or other candidates.

"The SBA looks forward to honoring these entrepreneurs who are contributing to our community and economy in their respective industries. Our tri-county service area of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties has one of the most vibrant and diverse small business communities in the nation," said Theodore Holloman, Los Angeles SBA District Director (acting).

In 2011, National Small Business Week will honor the estimated 27.5 million small businesses in America. Business entrepreneurs throughout the Southern California area will be honored during Small Business Week with many local events. Through the work of entrepreneurs, jobs are created, families are given a better life and whole communities are transformed. Please join us in the National Small Business Week celebration

Nomination criteria and deadline dates for all award categories can be found by visiting the SBA website at http://www.sba.gov/ca/la in the "Spotlight" section or by contacting Patrick Rodriguez, Public Information Officer, in the Los Angeles SBA District Office at (818) 552-3222 or at Patrick.Rodriguez@sba.gov.

This is an opportunity to recognize an individual or an organization dedicated to the support of the small business community. Please send all nominations to the U. S. Small Business Administration, 330 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 1200, Glendale, California, 91203, Attn: Patrick Rodriguez.